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As the old story goes, there's good news and bad news about hearing loss. The good news is that the human brain – your brain – is amazingly good at adapting to many different kinds of obstacles, including things like hearing loss. You may be suffering from a slight decline right now and be hardly aware of it, because you've found ways to compensate – simple things like turning your head and leaning forward to hear better; or asking people to repeat what they've said; or waiting for the conversation to move on so you can catch up. Maybe you're adapting by simply avoiding social situations like noisy restaurants and parties, where the background noise makes it so hard to understand the conversation that you really have to strain to hear. Still, by coping and adapting, you feel like you're getting by.

KNOW WHAT YOU'RE MISSING.

So what's the bad news? You may be adapting so well that you don't know what you're missing. You're unaware of lost information, lost opportunities, and the lost energy you spend just trying to keep up. You just know that social situations are more tiring than they used to be. Those embarrassing moments when you don't catch someone's name or some other important bit of information are growing more frequent.

If you're like many people with age-related hearing loss, the condition progresses as you get older. And as it progresses, you work harder to cope, maybe without even realizing it. As good as your brain may be at adapting, the

effort it takes tends to diminish the parts of your life that matter most: **sharing with friends and family, keeping ahead in your business, and spending time out in the community.**

People with advanced hearing loss describe this state as a feeling of isolation, of being trapped. They find it physically and emotionally tiring to strain to hear a conversation in a noisy setting. It's just too hard to make the effort. So they give up.

BREAK THROUGH THE ISOLATION WITH NEW HEARING TECHNOLOGY.

There is help for people with hearing loss: a wonderful array of modern hearing solutions that can make it easier to breakthrough the wall of noise and focus on what's important. Modern hearing technology, like the Agil instrument from Oticon, can not only help bring you back to a fuller and more vibrant social life; it can make things like concerts, radio, telephone and TV much more rewarding experiences than ever before.

But what happens is that people tend to put off getting help later than they should. They adapt a little more, and miss out a little more, every year. They don't realize how much they're struggling, and living increasingly isolated lives.

DON'T LET OLD MYTHS ABOUT HEARING AIDS DELAY YOUR CHANCE AT A FULLER LIFE.

There are a variety of reasons that people put off getting help. The main one is a lack of understanding of what modern hearing

technology is and how it helps. We've found that there are at least three big myths that keep people from trying out hearing technology, putting them on the road to years of frustration and isolation instead of a happier life.

MYTH
#1

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Another gas leak on Garrison Road

Construction crews
hit main, stretch of
road closed

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Fire deemed suspicious

Ontario Fire
Marshal called in
for investigation

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Jockey being added to
local sports shrine

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Back at the track



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Assistant trainer Maree Richards spending some quality time with 'Golani' the stable pony, at the Fort Erie Racetrack on Thursday morning. Opening Day at the track is May 6 and everyone involved is hoping for a successful 115th season.

Ready to race

➤ Over 300 horses
already settled in
at border oval

Kris Dubé
The Times

It's all about optimism, this season at the Fort Erie Racetrack.

That's what is needed to make it a memorable one, as its future after 2012 is at stake.

In the winter months, Harry Eder and his wife Jackie spent all their time at three horse-racing tracks in the southern United States, inviting all the horsemen they met along the way to consider heading north of the border to the Fort Erie Racetrack.

They handed out literature and of course told the story of the 115-year-old border oval and all its glory.

A campaign of people from the Fort Erie Racetrack also visited other parts of the U.S. in an attempt to recruit new faces.

For decades, the couple has been involved with racing. They play a huge role in getting trainers and owners arranged when they arrive at the track.

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Horsemen eager to see a healthy population in 2012



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Cory Clark-Beckon and Maree Richards were out for a morning walk on Thursday, at the backstretch of the Fort Erie Racetrack.

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Three trainers have been officially recruited and others are expected.

"It's fresh blood... it's important," said Eder, who is in charge of horsemen's relations at the Fort Erie Racetrack.

Eder is always glad to see returning faces that have been a part of the track for so many years, he wished to add.

As of Thursday morning, 307 horses had already been settled in their stalls and Eder says hundreds more will arrive soon.

"It's a good number for us, this time of year," said Eder.

Maree Richards is an assistant trainer for Martin Drexler, a trainer at the Fort Erie Racetrack. Their team will have up to 15 horses in rotation this season.

She says winning a successful amount of races is always a main reason the track is a great place to return every year, but at the same time she knows this will be a season to remember in Fort Erie.

"I'm just excited to be back in action," said Richards.

On Sunday, May 6, live racing at Fort Erie Race Track gets underway with a 1:15 p.m. post time.

The main theme throughout the season will be the track's history, so in keeping with the theme, fans are invited to bring along their

Fort Erie racing memorabilia such as photos, tack, saddles, silks and other various items of interest to be evaluated by racing, collectible and historic experts. With the owners' permission and recognition, a number of the most unique items will be loaned for display at the racetrack throughout the season.

In total, there will be 81 live racing dates in 2012 including five quarter horse cards and three mixed cards featuring both breeds. The Prince of Wales Stakes, the second jewel in Canada's Triple Crown will be run on July 15.

The race is Canada's richest stakes event run on a dirt surface with a total purse of \$500,000.

There are a number of new additions to the promotions and event schedule this season including a three day Outdoor Show featuring campers, boats, golf and fishing equipment and much more to be held on May 20, 21 and 22. To make this event a success, more local businesses and non-profit agencies are needed for participation.

Also, new for 2012 will be a three day Food Festival on July 29, 30 and 31. Popular events such as the Sunday Breakfast Club will begin on July 1, earlier this season as a result of its success in 2011.

A major 115 anniversary party is scheduled for June 26 during which jockeys who won the Prince of Wales Stakes (dating back to 1965)

will be on track to sign autographs for racing fans. Fort Erie Race Track will also be home to a Farmers' Market every Sunday starting June 3.

The summer concert series will continue in 2012 every Tuesday in June, July and August with Horns from Hell kicking off the Twilight racing party at the Tiki Bar on June 5, after the races.

Check out the Fort Erie Racetrack's website www.forterieracing.com for more details.

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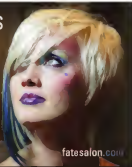


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Garrison Road closed while crews repaired gas leak

Portion of road closed for almost 24 hours

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

Emergency personnel spent nearly a full-day handling a gas leak on Garrison Road this week.

This is the second time this has occurred in two months, at the same construction project.

Garrison Road was closed between Ferndale Avenue and Green Acres Drive, from Wednesday, until Thursday evening.

Fort Erie fire chief Larry Coplen provided an update on the situation and described what took place.

A two-inch gas main broke off from an eight-inch gas main underground, a fair distance away from where the work was taking place.

"Where they were digging was actually about 50 feet away from where the break was," said Coplen.

This caused the gas to seep into the neighbourhood through sewers and cause an odour that many residents in the area noticed.

Emergency personnel isolated the leak in the evening, which Coplen said didn't put anyone in the area at risk.

"It wasn't a danger to anyone," he said.

The Clarion Hotel and the YMCA were closed for the remainder of the day, as they were without power until it was restored around midnight.

There is one home, on the corner of Garrison and Buffalo Roads,

that was still without power on Thursday.

Coplen said it is a "possibility" that the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) will be looking further into this matter.

"The TSSA is investigating and possibly will be laying charges," said Coplen.

Wilson Lee, a spokesperson for the TSSA said pressing charges is being considered as an option, but couldn't speak to specific details at the time.

"We are investigating and

are absolutely considering laying charges, but that decision won't be made until our investigation is completed," said Lee.

Kristine Carmichael, Canadian Niagara Power's manager of customer service and corporate communications, said there were about 15 homes that were without power for about six hours on Wednesday.

Another 500 customers had their service interrupted twice, once for 20 minutes and another time for roughly ten minutes.



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

A Niagara Regional Police cruiser blocks a portion of Garrison Road on Wednesday. The road remained closed until Thursday evening.

Martin says brothels are not welcome to set up in town

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

Brothels are not something that will be welcomed as a new form of business in the Town of Fort Erie, says mayor Doug Martin.

Since Ontario's highest court system decided last week that establishments that support prostitution should be considered legal, the mayor has received an influx of inquiries from U.S. media outlets, asking what Fort Erie's plans are to allow them to set up shop in town.

The interest and anticipation

from U.S. neighbours is most likely the result of Fort Erie formerly being a popular spot for adult entertainment, when at one point in time there were three all-nude venues to choose from.

"I had to inform them that all those establishments have since closed," said Martin.

Earlier this year, Pure Platinum on Jarvis Street closed its doors.

Prior to that, Maxine's Gentlemen's Club transformed into a regular bar without adult entertainment. The Grand Trunk Railroad was the first strip club to be erected in Fort

Erie, in the late 1970's. It later changed its name to New York, New York... before it was devastated by fire.

Venues that house the sex trade, such as brothels, are something Martin said will not be welcomed by the municipality.

"We certainly don't want that type of activity in the town," said Martin.

The legislation passed by the Ontario Court of Appeal says

trade indoors, but communicating for the purpose of exploitation is still illegal. The law is meant to decrease the amount of danger sex-trade workers can potentially find themselves in.

The decision still needs to go before the Supreme Court of Canada and Martin expects it will be appealed.

Martin asked staff to prepare a report on what needs to be done to prevent this type of business coming to town.

Considering Fort Erie was once a popular destination for U.S. residents seeking a thrill from the adult entertainment lifestyle, he agreed it can be frustrating that the small town on the Canadian side of the Peace Bridge sometimes gets a reputation of being a place where something like brothels would be welcomed with open arms.

"We don't want to be known for that," said Martin.



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Border jobs on the chopping block

Alison Langley
QMI Agency

Federal budget cuts mean more than 1,000 jobs will be lost, local impact not known yet

The union representing Niagara border guards warns border security will be compromised by federal spending cuts.

More than 1,100 layoff notices were handed out by the Canada Border Services Agency earlier this week, including approximately 95 letters sent to employees in southern Ontario.

It is not known at this time how many workers will be affected in Niagara Falls and Fort Erie specifically as the southern Ontario region includes Windsor and Sarnia.

Customs and Immigration Union national president Jean-Pierre Fortin on Thursday said a total of 1,026 jobs will be eliminated within three years.

He said the cuts will lead to an increase in weapons, drugs and child pornography entering Canada.

The CIU represents 11,000 public safety workers with the CBSA.

The union is a member of the Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC).

Mike Fumerton, Ontario council representative for southwestern Ontario for the PSAC, said the cuts will effect CBSA employees in the intelligence, program services and support staff departments.

"These cuts will absolutely affect Niagara," he said. "You're going to see less people doing the same amount of work."

Fumerton said the cuts actually represent the elimination of 122 positions in southern Ontario as there will also be cuts to front-line staff through attrition.



We are now looking at ways to make our border leaner, more efficient and faster for Canadians"

— Ministry of Public Safety
spokesperson

"There will be (border services officers) positions that, once people retire, those jobs will not be replaced."

The PSAC also represents employees at the Niagara district office of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. It is not known if those workers will be affected by the cuts.

Meanwhile, the Conservative government maintains Canada's border "will remain closed to criminals and terrorists."

Julie Carmichael, acting director of communications for Public Safety Minister Vic Toews said in an email to QMI Agency that the cuts will not impact security at international border crossings.

"Our government has made significant investments to ensure that we have a safe and effective border," Carmichael said, adding the government has increased front-line border officer positions by 26% since coming into office.

"We are now looking at ways to make our border leaner, more efficient and faster for Canadians. We will keep it open to legitimate travel and trade, but it will remain closed to criminals and terrorists."

Carmichael said the agency will find savings by reducing unnecessary spending and duplication of work and by streamlining administration services.



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On the hunt



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Hundreds of parents and children participated in an Easter Egg Hunt last Friday at Waterfront Park in Crystal Beach. The event was hosted by the Crystal Beach Firefighters Association and Canadian Heroes. JCI-Fort Erie also held an Easter Egg Hunt at Rio Vista Golf Course on Saturday and Crystal Beach Public School also held its annual hunt.

Young artists



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Garrison Road Public School students Zoe Smith, left, and Melanie Opatovsky showing off some of their work at the local school's annual art show this Thursday. Every student at the school had a piece on display.

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our editorial

Upcoming season at racetrack very important

If there was ever a season to realize the importance of the Fort Erie Racetrack... it's the one that will be starting this May.

Horses and trainers started to arrive this week and are getting comfortable for the 2012 meet.

We visited the backstretch and talked to a few people who earn their livelihood at the track and it was great to hear the amount of optimism that we did.

There is a dark, black cloud that hangs over the track but fortunately, it seems like the horse men and women are not going to let it be a distraction.

This is the season that needs to prove to the provincial government that horse racing is a tradition that has been a part of our history for over 100 years and to just let it slip away would be an awful mistake that would eliminate an estimated 60,000 jobs across the province.

The worst part?

The government's reasoning is that pulling funding to the horse racing industry will free up money to create more jobs.

How do you justify an action that will supposedly create more employment opportunities, by eliminating 60,000 jobs?

But aside from all the political nastiness this has caused, do the community a favour and support the track in any way you can.

Even if you don't want to gamble, attendance records can still be used as a tool to let the Liberal government know that the track is something people care about.

-Kris Dube



Do You Remember?

It isn't quite Mother's Day yet, but all three mothers of the boys in last week's photo called in.

Our thanks to Sharon Insley, Sherrlene Brewster and Sheila Cooper for identifying, left to right, Greg Insley, Tim Brewster and Michael Cooper.

These wolf cubs were

being honoured at a ceremony for a district-wide floor hockey tournament that took place April 7, 1981.

Greg was the best goal tender, Tim was most valuable player and Michael was best sportsman.

This week's photo

shows a dashing young man who may have just flown in for an appearance.

The date stamp is April 10, 1974.

If you know him or any details about this photo, please call the museum at 894-5322 or e-mail museum@forterie.on.ca.

We should all learn something from the anniversary of the Titanic



Sarah Ferguson
Reporter's Notebook

Today marks the 100th anniversary of when the great Titanic plunged into the sea.

To commemorate the occasion, I had the honour of speaking with Debbie Ervine who is the great-niece of

Albert George Ervine.

Ervine was an 18 year-old electrician—and the youngest member of his crew—on the famous ship.

When the ship struck the ice berg and it was clear the vessel would founder, Ervine was among many selfless men who worked deep in the ship's hull to keep the coal burning so the electricity could light the way of passengers fleeing to the top decks for a chance to take a seat in one of the limited amount of lifeboats.

The lifeboats were low-

ered into the ocean with a hydraulic system that could only work with electricity.

Without these men who continued to stoke the fires to keep the electricity on, the Captain and his crew wouldn't have been able to send word for help.

According to eyewitnesses in the boats, the lights stayed on inside the massive ship until two minutes before it finally sank sometime around 2 a.m. on April 15.

Many lives were saved that night because of the brave crewman who worked away—

knowing they likely wouldn't survive the night.

Even though the Titanic sank 100 years ago, there is still so much that can be learned about it.

Many people lost their lives because a few people thought the ship couldn't sink.

I remember learning in school that people had said "God, himself could not sink this ship."

They were very wrong. More than 1,500 people set sail on that ship to New York City and there were only

enough lifeboats for half.

What's even worse is when the ship actually started to sink, the lifeboats were only filled to half of their capacity.

First class passengers were more likely to find a seat on a lifeboat as opposed to passengers in second or third class.

There were also a number of other construction issues with the ship itself even before it began its fatal voyage.

The Titanic is more than just a three-hour movie starring Kate Winslet and

Leonardo DiCaprio.

The sinking of the Titanic is a part of history and has the potential to teach many different lessons.

It says a lot about society at that time, especially the class systems.

It's a tragedy that should never have happened in the first place and there is much that can be learned by studying it.

If you would like to leave me feedback, call me at (905) 871-3100 ext.208 or send me an email at sarah.ferguson@sunmedia.ca

opinion page

Band together to make positive change for Fort Erie

Dear Editor,

It's time to wake up and band together as a community of one.

I have lived in Fort Erie since 1974 and I consider this town to be my home town.

I have witnessed many changes in Fort Erie, both good and bad, and most recently there has been more bad changes than good.

My family and I have been and are involved in community service clubs, schools, a church, festivals, horse racing, organized sports, and we run a business and pay our taxes.

Having participated through various service clubs we have belonged to in the past, were able to raise monies for the YMCA, the Leisureplex, the Friendship Festival, the Douglas Memorial Hospital and other worthwhile projects.

During the last 10 to 12 years, I have not been as actively involved in my community as my priorities were focused on my young family and caring for aging parents.

But, now it is time for myself and each and everyone of us in Fort Erie to come together and speak with one common voice.

Over the past few weeks, Fort Erie has been given several negative economic blows, putting many jobs in jeopardy.

Job losses at the Fort Erie Slots, loss of the Fort Erie Travel Tourism location, the potential closure of the Fort Erie Racetrack, the closure of the trucking yards on Helena Street and the future closing of Zeller's, Fort Erie's only shopping mall.

Trust me, when I go out of town for hockey and soccer tournaments, I talk to people and they are asking me what is going on in Fort Erie.

Wake up Fort Erie! Now is the time to make a good thing happen out of all the recent bad news.

I see an opportunity here if we can get everybody to band together and make a positive change.

What this town needs is a post secondary satellite campus.

A perfect site would be the Ontario Tourism building in Brier Street.

The provincial Liberals stated that there is a need for three new campuses.

Why not in Fort Erie? About 3,000 Canadian students attend university or college in Western New York.

They studied teaching, dental, nursing, law, chiropractic, medicine and business.

Can we tap into this market?

Students spend money on food, entertainment, housing, transportation and they bring a positive economic impact.

Why do the kids in our

town have to leave for their education?

The City of Brantford was going through a similar situation not too long ago.

Industry was down, leaving the town to become run down and many of its businesses were closing.

Now, there is a vibrant downtown with four satellite campuses—Mohawk, McMaster, Nipissing and Fanshawe.

About 2,000 students contribute \$43 million to the local economy and this information is available on the Town's web site.

The City of Woodstock has recently established a satellite campus for Fanshawe College.

The City of Buffalo is trying to determine if a third Erie Community College belongs in the suburbs or downtown Buffalo.

Think about it, education is a perpetual business with many spin-offs.

Bring back a radio station to Fort Erie.

Fill the waves with talk radio and promote Fort Erie.

The days of CJFT 710 on the a.m. dial with the talk radio was a great promoter of this town.

Middle aged to senior audiences became familiar with this hidden gem.

I recently heard a radio campaign for Chatham Kent—a great place to live, play and rest.

Fort Erie's slogan could say "Fort Erie—now is the time."

The TIMES Asks



Marieka Bergman

"Yes, I will because I am a horse person."



Vicki James

"Yes, because I work there and I don't want it to close."



Lori Berkato

"No, I'm not much of a gambler. But I don't want it to close because a lot of jobs would be lost."



Aubri John

"Yes, my mom will take me for the first time."

Will you be visiting the Fort Erie Racetrack when it opens in May?

What do you think?

E-mail: editorial@forterietimes.com or call 905-871-3100, ext. 207

Tap into the empty nests of Toronto, Hamilton and Burlington markets.

Sell their homes and retire in Fort Erie with money in the bank.

The proposed motor car speedway has been the only positive news in a while.

Stop the opposition and think about the future.

There needs to be better signage placed along the QEW that points to Fort Erie—nobody stops here.

Why is there no welcome sign for Fort Erie along the QEW?

Niagara Falls, St. Catharines, Lincoln, Grimsby and Stoney Creek all have one.

The QEW is a conduit for traffic leaving town.

Just about every week-

end its backed up to Thompson Road going into Buffalo.

Mr. Freeland has a vision he made possible by donating lands for the Leisureplex, the YMCA, the Best Western, which is now the Clarion Hotel, and the town hall.

His vision was for a vibrant community with many amenities as they are enjoyed by larger communities.

Fort Erie, now is the time.

Get involved, join a service club, attend public rallies, change the mind set, think positive and lets make Fort Erie the best place to live, grow, play and rest.

Support local business. We are all guilty of going

out of town to shop because we think we are getting a deal.

At times, we are getting a deal, but at what cost?

Call your local regional, provincial and federal governments.

Call your economic development and tourism office and your chamber of commerce.

Let them all know we in Fort Erie will not take anymore abuse.

Start to make positive contributions, think of new ideas and good things will happen to this great town.

Charlie Sferazza
Fort Erie

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PUBLIC NOTICE

(1) Infrastructure Services SPRING STREET SWEEPING

The post-winter cleanup of sand will begin on Town streets as of April 16, 2012 and will continue until the first week of May. The street sweeping operation will consist of mechanical sweepers and water trucks where required, accompanied by Town staff. Curbed streets within the Town of Fort Erie will be swept.

This sweeping will be conducted in daytime hours with the exception of business districts as detailed below. If you see the sweeping operation in your area, please remove vehicles parked on the roadway. Caregivers and school staff are asked to ensure that children stay clear of this operation.

Business districts will be swept in the early morning hours during the week of April 16th. People are asked to refrain from overnight parking on curbed streets in these business areas during this week.

Prior to the sweepers coming through (where sand is still visible on the roadway), property owners are encouraged to sweep sidewalks and driveways onto the road.

For further information, please contact the Operations Division at 905-871-1600, Ext. 2466.

(2) TENDER ISO-01-2012

The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie is inviting submissions from interested bidders to provide any and all labour, materials and equipment necessary for the:

SUPPLY AND APPLICATION OF DUST SUPPRESSANT

Sealed submissions clearly addressed to Carolyn Kett, Town Clerk will be received by the Customer Service Unit (CSU) at 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie ON until 2:00 p.m. local time on:

May 1, 2012

Specific project details and requirements are provided within the bid documents.

The work generally consists of supplying and placing virgin wash oil to various roads throughout the Town of Fort Erie. Price shall include all labour, materials transportation and application of dust suppressant. The work sites are located at many locations throughout the road system.

Effective February 1, 2011, all Town of Fort Erie's formal competitive bid opportunities are posted on the Town's Landing Page www.biddinggo.com/forterie. If a hard copy is required, please contact Bart Menage bmenage@forterie.on.ca or at (905) 871-1600 ext. 2303., to make suitable arrangements.

The Corporation reserves the right to reject any and all tenders and the lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

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Michael McKinley, a local resident who won \$50,000 playing a game offered by the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation. The winning ticket was purchased at Crescent Mart on Dominion Road.

Father of five wins \$50,000

Local resident Michael McKinley is celebrating after winning \$50,000 in the March 17, ONTARIO 49 draw.

His first reaction was "oh my God, I won \$50,000!"

He checked his numbers online and thought he only won \$500 because he matched five of six winning numbers, but he didn't realize that he also matched the bonus number as well.

"My hands were shaking. I ran to the

store to validate my ticket," said the 38-year old mechanic.

Ontario 49 is 50 cents per play and the draws take place every Wednesday and Saturday Michael, a husband and father of five children, plans to use his windfall towards financial obligations.

The winning ticket was purchased at A One Crescent Mart on Dominion Road in Fort Erie.



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House fire in Crystal Beach deemed suspicious



A Niagara Regional Police cruiser in front of a house that was destroyed by fire Tuesday morning.

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Fire Marshal's office called in to investigate

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

A home in Crystal Beach is

being described as a "total loss" by fire chief Larry Coplen, after a blaze that started at 12:23 a.m. Tuesday morning.

The fire has also been deemed suspicious and will be investigated by the Ontario Fire Marshal's office and the Niagara Regional Police.

Coplen said three stations and 45 members of the Fort

Erie Fire Department were on scene, to battle the blaze at the intersection of Lynwood and Inglewood Roads.

The structure is a two-storey single family dwelling and damage is estimated at about \$150,000.

Nobody was inside the home and authorities will continue to investigate.

Support high school's drama club

The cast and crew of Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School (RCBHS)'s 'Rhinoceurus' need the support of the local community.

In return, they want to showcase all the hard work and talent they have behind their production, with two public performances this coming week.

On Thursday April 19 and Saturday April 21, the high school's drama unit will have two more practice runs in front of a live audience, before hitting the stage at the Sears Drama Festival's regional competition. The high school is one of

15 that are still alive in the competition and if successful in the next round, will advance to the provincial finals.

Tickets can be reserved in advance, by calling (905) 894-3461 and can also be purchased at the door, both performance nights, which will be held at RCBHS.

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Bob Payne, with his granddaughter Julia, at the Canadian Cancer Society's Relay for Life at Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School in 2010.

Cancer patient still beating the odds

Being optimistic and living one day at a time is important

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

Doctors have told Bob Payne he may only have three to six months left to enjoy his life, but that isn't going to get him down. After all, he was given a year-and-a-half as an estimate in 2008 and that was four years ago.

"You just have to carry on and live one day at a time," said Payne at his home this week.

In 2004, he was diagnosed with kidney cancer and at that time, doctors were able to remove part of his right kidney and he carried on cancer free until 2008 when it returned.

At this point, the doctors were unable to do anything to remove the cancer and Bob began a long road of chemotherapy treatments that have lasted until now. Just recently, his time-

frame was narrowed down to a few months... but he has proven in the past that this is only a guess.

"With the way it's been going, it could be a year easily," he said.

After his diagnosis, he decided to get involved in the Canadian Cancer Society's signature event, Relay for Life.

He and his wife Lois started going to the event in Hamilton for a couple of years and when a local event was founded in Fort Erie, they made it their home event and participated in it for four years.

Bob thought it was fitting that the money he raised from people in his community should be a part of the local Relay for Life.

The event has become a family affair for the Paynes.

They have four children and four grandchildren. Most have been involved at some point in some way over the last five years.

Currently, their children Kelley-Ann and Mark sit on the planning committee.

A few years ago, their granddaughter Julia donated

He's a fighter for sure and he's had a great outlook."

— Lois Payne

ed her hair during an on-stage ceremony when she was five-years-old.

Their team is called "Poppa's Pals" and although some of the team's members have alternated over the years, they have consistently been a Dream Team, a designation only given to those who raise over \$3,000 for the event.

His involvement in the community certainly isn't limited to the Canadian Cancer Society. He is a lifetime member of the Fort Erie Kinsmen Club and has coached hockey for many years.

He later moved on to officiating minor hockey after coaching.

His wife Lois says her husband is one of the most courageous people she knows and that over the years, he didn't simply sit back and feel sorry for himself.

"He's a fighter for sure and he's had a great outlook," said Lois.

Payne even kept working at Benner Funeral Services up until a few months ago, where he has been

employed since 2002.

The Relay for Life, held at Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School's Pride Field will take place June 8 and 9.

Visit the Canadian Cancer Society's website www.cancer.ca for more information.

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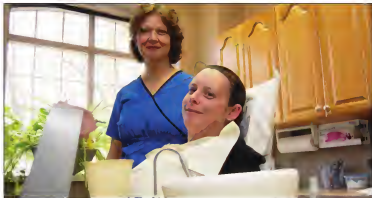
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Karen Blaney smiles as she is about to have her teeth cleaned by dental hygienist Nancy Pearce.

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It's National Dental Hygienist Week from April 8 until April 14. To celebrate, dental hygienist Nancy Pearce, of Choice Independent Dental Hygiene, wants everyone to know the importance of having a healthy mouth. Registered dental hygienists are experts in oral health who work with individuals to prevent gum

disease to improve overall health.

Research supported by the Canadian Dental Association, the Heart and Stroke Foundation and a few other organizations, has shown a significant link between oral disease and an individual's health.

Oral cancer is the fastest growing and the 13th most common form of cancer, especially among young Canadians.

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of these types of health issues.

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The cost for basic oral care is a huge barrier for many individuals that need care but some independent dental hygienists accept government assistance programs and they offer payment plans to best suit a client's needs.

For more information about oral care contact Pearce by phone at 905-994-0259.

Remembering the Titanic during the 100th anniversary of its sinking

Fort Erie Native Debbie Irvine remembers learning about her great-uncle who worked on the famous ship

Sarah Ferguson
The Times

It was a hundred years ago today that Titanic struck an iceberg and sank into the ocean, taking the lives of more than 1,500 people with it.

The number of lost lives could have been even higher if it wasn't for the hard work and selfless sacrifice made by the crew members and electricians who kept stoking the fires to keep the electricity working on the ship as it floundered.

At just 18 years old, Albert George Irvine was one of the electricians deep below the ship who tried to keep it afloat for as long as he could—he was also the youngest member of the Titanic engine room staff, says his great-niece Debbie Irvine.

Albert was educated at Belfast Royal Academy, the Methodist College and the Municipal Technical Institute.

Albert also worked in a shipyard where he began to

study electrical ship work and he eventually became involved in electrical work on the Titanic during its construction.

Thanks to Debbie's father—Clement Irvine—she has eight volumes cataloging her family's history, including information and photos of her great-uncle Albert.

Clement Irvine was born in Niagara Falls and lived most of his life in Ridgeway with his wife Maytie Irvine.

When he retired, Clement began researching his family history in the early 1990s and he managed to trace his family as far back as the 1600s by sending to places overseas including Holland.

In the days before the Internet, Clement did all of his research by hand—writing letters to family and searching through documents for information, says Debbie.

"It wouldn't have been easy because it took a lot



Albert George Irvine

of digging around and writing letters.

Dad went back as far as he could and typed it up by hand one finger at a time."

It's because of his research Debbie has actual

photos and information about her great uncle.

"My father had told me he learned Albert and his brother had flipped a coin because both of them wanted to go on the Titanic. My great uncle George won, but in fact he really lost."

When the Titanic hit the iceberg, it was the crewman working down below the deck who first knew the ship was in trouble. They tried to pump the rising water out of the ship, but when they realized the ship would founder, the crewman did everything they could just to keep the ship powered with electricity to keep the lights on.

All of the men did this knowing that it was unlikely they would survive, says Debbie.

"There is no question that hundreds more people lived because of the

people who worked below the decks—my uncle included. The lights stayed on so people could see their way as they made it to the upper deck to the lifeboats. The lifeboats were lowered into the water with a hydraulic system and that couldn't have happened without electricity."

Without electricity, the crewman also wouldn't have been able to send a distress call to other ships nearby.

"There were many eyewitnesses in the lifeboats who say the lights finally went out just two minutes before the boat actually sank."

Debbie says it is sad for her to think about the

life Albert would have had if he lived—he was young, smart and he probably would have had his own children.

"The world would have been at his feet. I think he would have been a lot like my own dad who is known for getting to the root of the problem, being selfless and always thinking of others."

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by Marie Miller, M.D.Sc.
Reviewed by CASH, P.O.
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Most adults with hearing loss can be helped with hearing aids. Choosing the right hearing aid can be difficult, however, as there is an enormous amount of information regarding the various types of hearing instruments. Choosing an audiologist who can guide you through this process is the first critical decision. To make an appointment, please call HANAGHAN & HANAGHAN HEARING CLINICS at 905-671-4242. Our office is located at 1450 Gerrard St. East, 15. Office hours are Mon.-Fri., 9am-5pm. Most major insurance accepted. Please visit our website at www.hanaghanhearing.com

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If you haven't been in a sunny climate all winter, the time to prepare for your golf season is right now. But before you head out to your first tee-off, think about adopting a good training program that will help you avoid injury.

It cannot be repeated often enough, good physical fitness plays an important role in even this slow-moving sport. Regular exercise helps with flexibility, cardio health, and the smoothness of your swing. It will also help you prevent injury to the back, shoulders, and hips. Even simple stretches will help to improve your flexibility and balance. Don't hesitate to seek the advice of a professional who will know how to adapt the appropriate exercises for your physical capabilities and requirements.

Once golf courses open for the season, it is important to plan several sessions on the practice range in order to work your

muscles and regain your rhythm with the iron in your hands. It's not recommended to make your maiden outing of the season be a full round. Devote your first baskets of balls to your short game, using your 8 and 9 irons as well as your pitching wedge. Apart from springing your body, you will master shots of less than 100 metres more quickly. This aspect of the game often makes the most difference on a score card. You can then gradually continue your preparations with longer irons, finishing off with your woods.

Always take about ten minutes to do some stretching exercises before each round of golf. And it is wise to plan to spend some time on the practice green in order to improve your concentration. Regular visits to the practice range are always a good idea in order to correct errors or to re-establish your routine. A few lessons with a pro can also be of real benefit.



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- Did you know that germs can live in the air? Having poor indoor air quality can result in symptoms such as allergies, asthma and headaches. A professional cleaning of the air handling system will help remove dirt, dust, mould and mildew from the air that may be making you sick.

- Did you know the average carpet is about 4,000 times dirtier than your toilet seat? It's recommended that you clean your carpets every six months because having carpets cleaned regularly and professionally will prevent the spread of dirt and germs in homes. In order to make your life easier, they offer a two-step deep clean service that is most recommended by North America's leading carpet manufacturers.

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"By confining your hot colours to relatively inexpensive items like basic window drapery, cushions, a throw, art on the wall and perhaps an ottoman," says Cheryl Grant, an interior designer and consumer trend consul-

tant. "Start with a piece you already have, one that has bold colours you love, then key off that colour palette when selecting additional accessories."

Surround your soft neutrals with splashes of colour that complement the main décor theme, but don't shout too loudly. Take a look at the photo from industry leader, Torlys, displayed with this article. The brights are balanced nicely by soft neutral leather chairs and upholstery, as well as the taupe shade of the handsome laminate floor, whose rustic look and surface mimics the wood grain pattern of natural hardwood. As a result, this softly grained laminate floor with its distinctive grey hue is central to the neutral décor of the room offset by colour accents.



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Parents of Multiple Births Association helps families with twins and triplets



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Jason and Taryn Scholtens, with their twins Arlie and Axel, 19 months, are members of the Parents of Multiple Births Association (POMBA) and they will be attending the organization's annual spring sale today at St. Paul High School from 9 a.m. until noon.

Sarah Ferguson The Times

For Taryn and Jason Scholtens, it's the most exciting, exhausting and rewarding job they could ever have.

They are raising two beautiful 19-month old twins named Axel and Arlie and it is never a dull moment in their house.

"They are my first children so I don't know any different as opposed to having one baby at a time. They keep me very busy because they can't sit still for a minute," says Taryn.

When Taryn found out she was pregnant with her boys, it came as a complete shock and a pleasant surprise. But when the couple brought their new bundles of joy home, the experience was overwhelming.

"I was thinking I couldn't do it," says Taryn.

But with the support of family and friends and the Parents of Multiple Births Association (POMBA), the Scholtens made it through those early days with their newborns.

POMBA is a non-profit volunteer based peer support group offering educational services, family events and they hold annual sales for families with twins and triplets living in the Niagara Region.

The organization is hosting Niagara's Largest Gently Used Baby and Kids Clothing, Equipment and Toy sale tak-

ing place today at St. Paul High School in Niagara Falls.

When the couple prepared for the arrival of their children, Taryn says they didn't realize they would need two of everything.

There were times when Axel would be rocking gently in a swing and Arlie would want to do the same thing as well, but they only had one swing.

"I think you're always learning new things. Every day is different. Now we have two of everything at our house and two of everything at my mom's house."

With the help of POMBA, Taryn and her husband are able to buy gently loved clothing and toys at a fraction of the cost and they are able to sell some of the items they don't need anymore.

"People don't realize but children grow out of things very quickly and many of the items that we have sold in other sales were only used for a few months."

Jason says having twins is tiring but exhilarating and "it's more rewarding than it is tough."

Watching as his young boys play in the yard, Jason says there is nothing better than watching his sons explore the world around them and ask about discovering new things.

The amazing thing about having twins is watching the

boys as they grow, learn and develop very different personalities.

"Axel is the leader and Arlie is the follower. But when the two of them aren't together, Arlie takes his brother's role as a leader. It's very interesting to watch."

When he walks through the door after a long day at work, Jason says he loves coming home to his sons greeting him with hugs and kisses.

"A lot of bad days get taken care of just by having a few minutes of baby time."

The sale, which begins at 9 a.m. and ends at noon, is POMBA's annual spring fundraiser.

Tickets for the event which are \$1, go on sale at 7 a.m. and the first people to buy tickets to the sale are the first to get into the sale.

Only 30 people will be allowed to shop at one time.

Clothing on sale will be for babies right up through children's sizes and will include maternity clothing, she said. They also will be selling a lot of toys.

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Decorated jockey one of five inductees onto Sports Wall of Fame

Richard Grubb has a long list of victories

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

Richard Grubb won the first race he competed in as a jockey, back in 1966 when he was 16-years-old.

This was just the start of a decorated career and in June the 64-year-old will be inducted onto the Fort Erie Sports Wall of Fame.

Winning a total of 1,607 races, atop many thoroughbred horses, Grubb has a laundry list of achievements

It's something that's bigger than you are... it goes on and on."

— Richard Grubb

In his career.

In 1967, he was Canada's leading jockey with 230 victories.

That same season, he won seven races on an eight-race card in one day at Woodbine. This is a feat no other rider has achieved, still to this day.

In 1973, he won Canada's first \$100,000 race, the Manitoa Sweepstakes. He also rode in Secretariat's career finale, at Woodbine.

In his career, he has won over 100 major races like the Breeder's Cup and Prince of Wales, which runs at the Fort Erie Racetrack.

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In 1997, he was presented the Avelino Gomez Memorial Award for his significant contributions to Canadian Horse Racing.

Meeting with the Fort Erie Times this week, Grubb said he is delighted to be added to the local sports shrine, on display in the Kinsmen Arena at the Leisureplex.

He's been the recipient of many accolades, but being honoured in his hometown is extra special.

"It really won't hit me until it's all done with," said Grubb.

Considering most of his family is still in town, his induction will be a celebration for everyone close to him.

"It's nice to be able to share it with everybody," he said.

He also said being a part of a legacy like the Wall of Fame is rewarding because it is something that can be appreciated by many generations, including those in his own family.

"It's something that's bigger than you are... it goes on and on," said Grubb.

He retired from racing in 1989.

He is currently a senior steward with the Ontario Racing Commission.

"I sit on the other side of the fence now."

The Sports Wall of Fame

dinner and ceremony, hosted by the Fort Erie Kinsmen Club will be held on June 15.

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KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Retired jockey Richard Grubb holds his Avelino Gomez Award in his left hand. He is honoured to be inducted onto the Fort Erie Sports Wall of Fame in June.

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More athletes to be featured

The Fort Erie Times will be printing feature stories on the four other athletes that will be inducted onto the Wall of Fame in June.

Craig Spada, a long-time resident who was an official in the National Hockey League will join others on the wall.

Bob Lichenberger, an accomplished paraplegic athlete is also being inducted.

Clifford Clendening has achieved much success in the snooker world and will have his name placed on the wall for his achievements.

Francine Villeneuve, an accomplished female jockey who earned her 1,000th win at the Fort Erie Racetrack last season, is also being inducted.

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Fred Belton, left, Romeo Daley and Sam Stark, of the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 71, at last Saturday's Canada vs. U.S. hockey game, brought to the community by the War of 1812 bicentennial planning committee. Canada won the game 8-5.

An international wager between mayors

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

Mayor Doug Martin doesn't have to borrow a USA hockey sweater from anyone in the near future.

On Saturday night, Martin and Byron Brown, the mayor of Buffalo, N.Y., dropped a ceremonial face-off at the LeSueurplex before the War of 1812 bicentennial planning committee's Canada vs. U.S. hockey game.

Before the international match-up, both mayors agreed to a friendly wager that would result in one of them wearing a jersey of the opposing nation, if their own country was on the losing side of the score sheet.

The home team pulled off a 8-5 victory and mayor Brown will wear a Team Canada sweater while performing an act of community service in the city of Buffalo.

Before the game, both agreed this was a great event to symbolize the love of the game in the area and the 200 years of peace between both nations.

"Hockey is something that

always brought us all together," said Martin.

"And I'm looking forward to not wearing a U.S. sweater to a council meeting," he added.

Brown said he was honoured to receive the invitation from the event's organizers and looked forward to a great match, before the puck was even dropped.

"Hopefully we'll see a very

good hockey game," he said.

Jokingly, Brown hoped for an outcome that would mean he didn't have to wear a Team Canada jersey. "Although, the colours are quite attractive," he said.

The game was played by many junior and college level players from Niagara and Western New York.



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Buffalo, N.Y. mayor Byron Brown, with Fort Erie mayor Doug Martin at last Saturday's hockey game. Both leaders from opposite sides of the border participated in a ceremonial face-off before the game.



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BROWN, Arthur A. "Toad" - It is with great sadness that the family of Art "Toad" Brown announce that on Thursday, April 5, 2012 he lost his 712 year courageous battle with MULTIPLE MYELOMA in his 61st year. Beloved husband of Maureen (Lynch). Loving father to Sheri Clarke (Doug), Ken Brown (Debra), Korean Wood (John), he will be greatly missed by his grandchildren Katlyn Cumming, Dakota Wood, Doug Clarke Jr. and Katelyn Brown. He is survived by his father William L. Brown and his brothers George (Bonnie), Earl (Rosanne), Dale Brown and his sister-in-law Nancy Brown. He will also be missed by his nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his mother Pearl Brown and his identical twin brother Albert Brown. He worked for over 30 years at Atlas Steel and was a lifelong member of the Steneversville Khansmen. He loved to spend time with his family and the G.O.M., loved a great game of W.P.T. Poker! He will be extremely missed by all who knew him. He has graciously donated his body to McMaster University. We will be having a Memorial at the Steneversville Conservation Club at 2555 ON Road on Sunday, April 15, 2012 at 1 p.m. The service will begin at 1:30 p.m. to be followed by a celebration of Art's life. If so desired, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated.



BYL, Heidi Renate (nee Kurek) - On April 5, 2012, Heidi unexpectedly passed away in her 58th year at the Greater Niagara General Hospital surrounded by her family. Beloved wife of 38 years to Casey. Loving mother of Corey, Derek (Chantelle H.), and Christopher. Dear sister of Monika Donen (Allen), Heidi Kurek, and Bernice Kurek (Dennis). Heidi will be sadly missed by many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, extended family and friends. Family received friends at the MORGAN FUNERAL HOME 415 Regent Street, N.O.T.L. on Monday April 9th from 7-9p.m. and on Tuesday from 2-4 and 7-9p.m. Funeral service was held on Wednesday morning 11:00'clock at Trinity Lutheran Church, Niagara Stone Rd. Cremation to follow. In lieu of flowers, those who wish may make a memorial donation to Mainstream (St. Catharines), Heart and Stroke Foundation or to Trinity Lutheran Church. Memories, photos and condolences may be shared at www.morganfuneral.com

A Memorial Donation has been made to

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Beautiful memories of one so dear.

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FORD, Colin George - Born July 15, 1949 in Fort Erie, Ontario. Passed away April 6, 2012 in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Much loved husband of Christine (Moctata), originally of Goring, England. Loving father of Rebbecca (Brad Peck) of Ottawa, Ontario and Rachel (Eric Dudgey) of Toronto, Ontario. Will be sadly missed by his older brother Phil Ford (Christine Tausig Ford) and her daughter Kaitrine Culliver of Ottawa, Ontario, along with cousins in England and Windsor, Connecticut. He will be missed by companion animals Abby and Tom, and those who went before, especially the Wonder-dogs Miley and Cindy. Colin was the first in his family to be born in Canada, but loved all things English. How fitting that he should have a girl from just down the road in Sussex. Lover of animals and green spaces, Colin was a free spirit who always roamed for the underdog. The Toronto Maple Leafs and Sunderland Black Cats FC will play on end, it is hoped, with a few games, without their great fan. A celebration of Colin's life will be held at the HAMMOND-DAVIDSON FUNERAL HOME, 211 Whittemore Street, Fort Erie on Saturday, April 14, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. Visitation from 1:00 p.m. in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Paraplegic Association Ontario.

NUNN, Lana (nee Stuart) - On Monday April 9th, 2012, Lana passed away peacefully at the Douglas Memorial Hospital at the age of 61 years. Loving friend of Rick Peters. Dear mother of Miquelle Bal, Nicki, and Bobbi and grandmother to 6 grandchildren. Predeceased by her parents Gordon and Brenda Stuart. A private family service will be held. Funeral Arrangements entrusted to THE WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME, 722 Ridge Road North, Ridgeway. In memory of Lana, those who wish may donate to the Canadian Cancer Society. Sharing of memories, pictures and condolences at www.williamsfuneralhome.ca

Card of thanks

HAUN - The family of the late Ross Haun would like to express their sincere appreciation to all of our family and friends for all of their expressions of sympathy during this time of loss. The food, flowers, donations and cards have been overwhelming and a wonderful support. To Nurses Elizabeth and Tracy and to Dr. K. Scher and Dr. P. Gleeson for taking such good care of Ross during his illness, we are grateful. Finally to my two children Cindy and John for supporting me in every way, I couldn't have gone through this without you. - Sincerely, Gerry Haun.

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Fred Sims

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A million times I've cried,
If love could have saved you
You never would have died.
Things we feel most deeply
Are the hardest things to say,
My dearest one, I loved you,
In a very special way.
If I could have one lifetime wish
One dream that could come true,
I'd pray to God with all my heart
For yesterday and you.

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Mary Everett

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April 16, 2011
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A million times I've cried,
If love could have saved you
You never would have died.
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Novice Bruins win silver



The Fort Erie house league Novice Bruins went to Woodstock, ON, last weekend for the Alliance House League Championships. They were the only team to go 3-0 in round robin play, but lost 2-1 in the final game against a team from Kitchener. The team scored 20 goals and only allowed nine against during the tournament. In the front row is Zack Jones. In the second row is Thomas Mete, Molly Devereau, Josh Havill, Vann Hudson and Cole Hamby. In the third row is Alex Kostyk, Ryan Joyce, Taylor Korten, Alexander Pikel. Coaches are Phil Pikel, Jockem Korten and Fred Porcino. Missing from the photo is Kamble Frazee, Kessler Frazee, Kalden Craft, Michael Ward, John Renaud, trainer Paula Devereau and assistant trainer Les Hamby.

All-star competition



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On Thursday, the District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) held its annual all-star hockey game at the Leisurplex. Taking part in the ceremonial face-off was Governor Simcoe student Billy Saxton, left, DSBN director of education Warren Hoshizaki, Dr. Joe Engemann from Brock University and Ridgeway-Crystal Beach Blue Devil Jordan Betzold. The zone four team defeated the zone three team by a score of 6-3.

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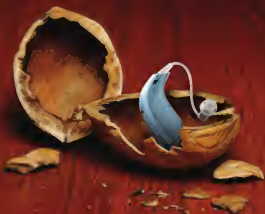
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